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Applicant: Patrick Florent et al. April 06, 2001  
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For: ACELLULAR PERTUSSIS VACCINE WITH DIPHTHERIA AND  
TETANUS-TOXOIDS

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to the first Office Action on the merits, the Applicants request entry of the following amendment.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

At page 1, immediately below the title, please insert the following:

--CROSS REFERENCES TO RELATED APPLICATIONS--

This is a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/284,887, filed on May 27, 1999, which is the national stage application filed under 35 U.S.C. §371 of PCT/E97/06180, filed on November 04, 1996—

After page 10, please insert the Abstract of the Disclosure that accompanies this Preliminary Amendment.

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IN THE CLAIMS:

In Claim 3, delete the phrase "any one of claims 1 or 2" and insert --claim 1--.

In Claim 6, delete the phrase "or claim 4".

In Claim 7, delete the phrase "to any previous claim" and insert --claim 1--.

In Claim 8, delete the phrase "to any previous claim" and insert --claim 1--.

REMARKS

There is no issue of new matter. If it would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to confer with the Applicants' undersigned attorney.

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